



**Pre-Season Football at
Springfield Park
August 1981**



WIGAN ATHLETIC WELCOMES

Tuesday 18th August

WALSALL

KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 20th August

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 22nd August

A LIVERPOOL XI

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 20p.

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Welcome to WALSALL FOOTBALL CLUB

WALSALL FOOTBALL CLUB was founded in 1888 as the result of an amalgamation of two clubs, Walsall Town and Walsall Swifts, although Walsall Town was founded in 1879 and Walsall Swifts in the early 1880's.

In 1892 Walsall became a founder member of the Football League Second Division and in fact only missed promotion to the First Division of the Football League by four points in 1899. Joining the Third Division in 1921, due to their geographical position they had spells in both the Northern and Southern sections until the re-organisation into the Third and Fourth Divisions in 1958. In 1960 Walsall became the Champions of Division Four and gained promotion to Division Two the following season when they finished runners up in Division Three. Two seasons later Walsall were once again, however, members of Division Three and after having missed promotion to Division Two by only 4 points in 1978, the following year they dropped into Division Four. After leading the Division for most of the season they finished runners-up to Huddersfield Town and so once more re-gained Third Division status losing only 5 League matches throughout the season.

Last seasons, again under the partnership of Player Manager Alan Buckley and General Manager Bert Johnson, Walsall struggled all season and only managed to retain Division Three status by winning the last game of the season at Sheffield United. Their win forced Sheffield United into the Fourth Division.

Whilst their greatest F.A. Cup triumph in record books was the 1932/33 win over the mighty Arsenal by 2-0, three seasons earlier they drew Aston Villa in the 4th round of the F.A. Cup the match taking place at Villa Park with Walsall's concurrence drawing a record attendance of 74,600 with Aston Villa winning 3-1. In recent years they have reached the 5th round twice, on the one occasion in 1975 losing to Birmingham City at St. Andrews by the odd goal of 3, after beating Manchester United and Newcastle United and losing the other 5th round tie to Arsenal in 1978.

Prior to this season a change at Managerial level occurred with the retirement of Bert Johnson and the arrival of Neil Martin as Joint Manager teaming up with Alan Buckley. Neil had previously been with Walsall as Youth Coach when Dave Mackay was Manager and in fact,

after a three year spell in Kuwait with Dave decided to return and accept a position with the Saddlers. A former Scottish International striker with Coventry City and Nottingham Forest Neil has earned himself the reputation of being a strict disciplinarian and able to motivate players. Walsall hope that the new partnership will prove successful this present season.

WALSALL PERSONALITIES

RON GREEN — Goalkeeper — Signed from non-league club Alvechurch in 1977. After making only two appearances in Season 1978/79, he established himself as a first class goal-keeper in Walsall's promotion season in 1979/80 missing only 6 matches. A mysterious illness during the summer of 1980 prevented his return to first team duty until November 1980 following which he played in all the remaining matches.

TONY MACKEN — Defender — Has represented Eire. Signed by Dave Mackay from Derby County in October 1977. Stylish, dependable, can play at full-back or in mid-field. Has made 150 league appearances for Walsall.

KENNY MOWER — Defender — Local product, former apprentice with the club signing contract forms in November 1978. Has developed into a competent full-back and has made 77 League appearances.

BRIAN CASWELL — Capable defender or mid-field player. Another former apprentice who signed as a professional in 1973. Has made 253 league appearances for Walsall.

DAVE SERELLA — Capable Centre-back. Joined Walsall in September 1975 from Nottingham Forest for whom he made 68 appearances. Has made 221 League appearances for Walsall, being an ever present member of their promotion team in Season 1979/80.

STEPHEN BAINES — Centre Back — Signed from Bradford City at the beginning of last season for a fee of £50,000 fixed by Tribunal. Previously with Nottingham Forest and Huddersfield Town. Has made 253 league appearances of which 38 were with Walsall last season.

JOHN LOVERIDGE — Midfield — Close season signing from West Bromwich Albion. Joining West Bromwich Albion as an apprentice in July 1975, he signed contract forms in March 1977.

Whilst not appearing in the Football League made 35 Central League appearances last season.

MARK REES — Striker — Another former apprentice who signed contract forms for the club in December 1979. Made 28 league appearances in season 1979/80 and 21 last season scoring 6 goals.

DON PENN — Striker — Previously an amateur with Walsall. Signed contract forms in March 1979. Scored 25 goals in Walsall's promotion season. Made 36 appearances last season scoring 9 goals. Has made a total of 95 league appearances for the club.

ALAN BUCKLEY — Holds position of Player Manager. Consistent goal-scorer. Joined Walsall

in 1973 from Nottingham Forest and scored 125 league goals in 241 matches before joining Birmingham City in October 1978 for a Club record fee of £175,000. Scored 8 goals in 24 matches for City before returning to Walsall in July 1979 as Player Manager, Walsall repaying £175,000 for his transfer. In his first season as Player Manager he guided Walsall back into the Third Division after being relegated the previous season, himself scoring 16 goals. Scored 11 goals last season bringing his record whilst at Walsall to read 325 league matches — 152 goals. His overall league record however is 371 league matches — 161 goals.

WALSALL (Red Shirts)

RON GREEN
TONY MACKEN
BRIAN CASWELL
KENNY MOWER
DAVE SERELLA
PETER HART
JOHN LOVERIDGE
MARK REES
DONALD PENN
ALAN BUCKLEY
KEN BEECH
STEVE BAINES

WIGAN ATHLETIC (Blue and White Stripes)

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JOHN McMAHON
STEVE McADAM
ALEX CRIBLEY
LARRY LLOYD
COLIN METHVEN
KEVIN SHELDON
GRAHAM BARROW
LES BRADD
MIKE QUINN
CLIVE EVANS
DAVID GLENN

Referee:-

Linesmen:- Red Flag:-

Yellow Flag:-

MR. R. CHADWICK (Darwen)

MR. G. HOWARTH (Bolton)

MR. A. CALE (Wigan)



WALSALL FOOTBALL CLUB

Welcome to SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL CLUB

Spectators who have followed the fortunes of Wigan Athletic since their Non-League days will need no reminding of the F.A. Cup encounters with "The Owls" at Hillsborough, in Season 1975-76, when the Yorkshire side won 2-0, and, even more recently, in Season 1977-78, when a Maurice Whittle free-kick, the only goal of the game at Springfield Park, saw Wigan Athletic through to a glamorous Third Round meeting with Birmingham City. Since then, both clubs' playing staffs have changed considerably and only Jeff Wright (Wigan Athletic) remains to claim a possible place in tonight's game. Jack Charlton, O.B.E., continues as Sheffield Wednesday manager, but Ian McNeill, of course, now prepares to meet new challenges at Stamford Bridge. Meanwhile, Wigan Athletic have progressed to the Fourth Division of the Football League, and tonight's visitors look poised to make their return to the First Division, having made the transition from the Third to the Second Division at the end of the 1978-1980 season. Lifelong devotees to Wigan Soccer will, of course know that in Season 1928-1929, Sheffield Wednesday played Wigan Borough at Springfield Park winning 3-1 in an F.A. Cup game played in front of 30,611

spectators, who paid £1,800 in gate receipts!!! Both clubs will be disappointed if tonight's pre-season fixture does not yield a better return.

Founded on 5th September, 1867, Sheffield Wednesday are the third oldest club remaining in the Football League, and came into being because of Cricket! In fact, the Wednesday Cricket Club was founded in 1816, and a football club was ultimately formed to keep the members together through the winter. Since Wednesday was a half-day holiday for the "masters" of the town, it followed that the organisation be called the Wednesday Club. Sheffield Wednesday Football Club has graced the F.A. Cup Final on five occasions, the F.A. Charity Shield twice, and the Football League War Cup Final (two legs were played even in those dark days). Four Football League First Division Championships and five Second Division Championships have also been claimed in Wednesday's long and distinguished history. It can now only be a very short space of time before the loyal "Owls" fans welcome back First Division Soccer to the magnificent Hillsborough stadium, and re-establish Sheffield Wednesday to their rightful status as one of England's leading Football League clubs.

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ANTE MIROCEVIC
TERRY CURRAN
ANDY McCULLOCH
GARY MEGSON
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SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL CLUB

Welcome to LIVERPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

Formed in 1892, when they took over their present ground at Anfield after Everton — the original tenants had moved to Goodison Park — Liverpool spent their first season in the Lancashire League, though not by choice.

Immediately following their formation they applied for membership of the Football League's Second Division but the Management Committee of those days turned them down, suggesting they should first prove themselves worthy of League membership. This Liverpool quickly proceeded to do, for they topped the Lancashire League at the first time of asking and also won the Liverpool Senior Cup. Renewing their application for Football League Membership, they were this time accepted, and thus began a career which has since seen

them become one of the most famous clubs not only in England but in Europe.

Before going into further details, let us set out in simple form the Club's achievements in football's main competitions:-

First Division	1900-01, 1905-06, 1921-22
Champions	1922-23, 1946-47, 1963-64
(English record number)	1965-66, 1972-73, 1975-76
	1976-77, 1978-79, 1979-80
Second Division	1893-94, 1895-96,
Champions in	1904-05, 1961-62
F.A. Cup Winners in	1964-65, 1973-74
Football League Cup Winners in	1980-81
U.E.F.A. Cup Winners in	1972-73, 1975-76
European Cup Winners in	1977, 1978 & 1981
F.A. Cup Finalists in	1914, 1950, 1971 & 1977
European Cup Semi-Finalists in	1964-65
European Cup Winners' Cup Finalists in	1965-66
European Fairs Cup Semi-Finalists in	1970-71

Although relegated from the First Division on four occasions, in three

instances they regained their senior membership at the first time of asking. Although it took the club eight years to win promotion on the last occasion they suffered relegation, only once during those eight years did they finish lower than fourth.

When topping the Second Division in 1961-62 they won ten and drew one of their first eleven games and were never once deposed from leading position in the table throughout the campaign.

Liverpool were the first Football League Club ever to top the Second and First Division in consecutive seasons, which they did in 1904-1905 and 1905-06. Only three other clubs have since equalled this performance.

During the last sixteen years three new cantilever stands have been erected at Anfield. The Liverpool club's ground is now one of the best and most

up-to-date in the country, with a capacity of approximately 50,000, virtually all of whom are under cover. The club is fortunate in having a very loyal following, and throughout the whole post-war period attendances have kept to a very high level. In fact, their average home League attendance since they returned to the First Division has exceeded 40,000 spectators per match.

From 1905-06 to 1953-54 the Liverpool Club maintained an unbroken association with the First Division, a run of almost half a century in the top flight of football. Only Sunderland can boast of a longer senior membership.

The Central League Team has won the Central League Championship eleven times out of the last thirteen seasons.

LIVERPOOL (Red Shirts)

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP SEASON 1981/1982 FIRST ROUND DRAW

Bury	v	Carlisle United	Scunthorpe United	v	Mansfield Town
Tranmere Rovers	v	Burnley	Doncaster Rovers	v	Chesterfield
Halifax Town	v	Preston North End	Northampton Town	v	Hartlepool United
Bradford City	v	Blackpool	Sheffield United	v	York City
Wigan Athletic	v	Stockport County	Darlington	v	Rotherham United
Huddersfield Town	v	Rochdale	Lincoln City	v	Hull City
Bolton Wanderers	v	Oldham Athletic	Peterborough United	v	Barnsley
Cardiff City	v	Exeter City	Aldershot	v	Wimbledon
Bristol City	v	Walsall	Colchester United	v	Gillingham
Chester	v	Plymouth Argyle	Oxford United	v	Brentford
Torquay United	v	Newport County	Reading	v	Charlton Athletic
Wrexham	v	Swindon Town	A.F.C. Bournemouth	v	Fulham
Bristol Rovers	v	Crewe Alexandra	Southend United	v	Portsmouth
Hereford United	v	Port Vale	Orient	v	Millwall

Matches to be played in weeks commencing 31st August and 14th September, 1981.
First-named teams in the ties listed above are at home in the first leg.

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